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SUBJECT: MBFR: FRG PARALLEL DEMARCHE ON FRENCH DATA
ISSUE

1. FONOFF MBFR DIRECTOR RUTH BRIEFED US ON NOVEMBER 29 REGARDING THE FRG PARALLEL DEMARCHE WHICH WAS MADE BOTH AT THE MINISTERIAL AND POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEVELS DURING THE FRG-FRENCH CONSULTATIONS IN BONN ON NOVEMBER 26. RUTH SAID GENSCHER RAISED THE POINT "BRIEFLY AND GENERALLY" AND UNDERLINED FRG INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR THE BELGIAN DEMARCHE WHICH WAS UNDERTAKEN ON BEHALF OF NATO. RUTH HAD NO INFORMATION REGARDING DE GUIRINGAUD'S RESPONSE.

2. AT THE POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEVEL, VAN WELL MADE THE
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POINT TO DE LABOULAYE AND ANDREANI THAT TIME WAS A

FACTOR AND THAT THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE SETTLED PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER 9-10 NATO MINISTERIAL. VAN WELL ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SOMETHING COULD BE DONE IN VIENNA PRIOR TO THE END OF THE ROUND. HE SAID THE FRG WOULD APPRECIATE FRENCH SUPPORT VIA THE SILENCE PROCEDURE AND EMPHASIZED THAT THIS STEP PREJUDICED NEITHER FRENCH CONCERNS NOR THE NATO POSITION. VAN WELL STRESSED THAT THE MOVE WAS A TACTICAL STEP TO GET THE DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA GOING AND THAT THE BASIC PRINCIPLES INVOLVED SHOULD NOT BE THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT THIS POINT. VAN WELL CONCLUDED HIS PRESENTATION BY NOTING THAT THE FRG LOOKED FORWARD TO A POSITIVE FRENCH REACTION TO THE BELGIAN DEMARCHE.

3. THE FRENCH RESPONSE TO VAN WELL WAS CAUTIOUSLY POSITIVE, WITH DE LABOULAYE INDICATING THAT HE ENVISAGED A REPLY TO THE BELGIANS VIA THEIR PERMREP BY MID-WEEK.

4. COMMENT: RUTH IS HOPEFUL THAT THE INDICATION BY THE FRENCH THAT THEY PLAN TO RESPOND BY MID-WEEK PRESAGES A POSITIVE REACTION. HE BELIEVES THE FRENCH APPARENTLY VIEW THE DEMARCHE AS A TACTICAL MOVE AND WILL RESPOND TO IT ACCORDINGLY. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH, HE ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. HAD INDICATED TO THE FRENCH OUR SUPPORT FOR THE BELGIAN DEMARCHE. REQUEST GUIDANCE WHETHER THIS HAS BEEN DONE OR WHETHER THE U.S. PLANS TO AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS.
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